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Accreditation Benefits Alumni

Alumni Association President John E Roberts says the college's former students will benefit from its recent accreditation as a four-year college.

Dr. Roberts, editor of The Baptist Courier in South Carolina, adds, "Alumni stand more to gain from accreditation than any other group except present and future students."

DR. ROBERTS

Accreditation was granted Dec 1 by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

"Our alma mater has gained status and recognition by meeting accredition standards," Dr. Roberts says. "Alumni share in this new plateau of prestige. We offer a pat on the back to the administration along with the plea that Gardner-Webb retain the outstanding quality that we have known. This has been its tradition of maintaining the dignity of each individual student and his needs, with an emphasis on the extra dimension of Christian education. Gardner-Webb's deep interest in each student has been its strength."

College Accredited

1971: A Great Year For G-W

THE year 1971 was one of the greatest in Gardner-Webb College's history. Its milestones included senior college accreditation, the virtual doubling of a $1.5 million fund campaign, a first senior graduating class, and national recognition in the field of sports.

Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools came Dec. 1 upon G-W's first application.

The college had entered senior college ranks in the Fall of 1969 and graduated 350 students two years later. Two years of intensive study and investigation preceded the accreditation.

G-W had to reach certain physical standards to meet requirements. To achieve them, a capital gifts campaign to raise $1.5 million was begun, earmarked for a new library, converting the present library into classrooms, doubling the present administration building and constructing a new dormitory.

This past year, the fund drive passed the $2,600,000 mark. College officials feel that the campaign helped convince accreditation officials that the school had the support of its community.

THE appearance on the campus of nationally known figures—Billy Graham, Johnny Cash, N. C. Governor Bob Scott—brought worldwide attention to the school.

Well-known singer Cash was presented an honorary doctor of humanities degree for his work in the fields of prison and drug reform and his work with alcoholics.

IN sports, G-W retained its national image as it shifted to senior college status.

The basketball team closed out its 1970-71 season with a 20-4 record and seventh place ranking in NAIA polls. The golf team, first to represent G-W in senior tournament play, finished fifth in the NAIA national tournament.

G-W teams produced two All-Americans. George Adams of Kings Mountain became the first Bulldog to earn the title in senior college competition. He was named to the NAIA first-team All-American basketball squad and also earned a first-team berth on the TV Guide All-American squad picked by the Basketball Writers of America. Golfer Terry Florence of Charlotte finished third in the NAIA national golf tourney and was named to the golf All-American team.

Alumni Council Hears Annual Fund Report: Going Up

G-W's Annual Fund already has surpassed last year's, but the goal still hasn't been met. That was the report given by Jerry Walker, director of alumni activities, to members of the Alumni Council at their January meeting.

Walker reported that $5,600 had been contributed to date toward the 1972 Annual Fund goal of $25,000. Total contributions in 1971 were $1,729. In 1970 they came to $4,841. They totaled $7,751 in 1969 and $3,523 in 1968. This year's campaign is in full sway and all alumni are being given an opportunity to participate, he said.

The Alumni Council, meeting in quarterly session on campus, is composed of alumni association officers and directors, chapter presidents, class agents and members of the faculty alumni committee.

banquet will be held at 7 p.m. May 13 in the

The council decided that the annual alumni Charles 1 Dover Campus Center.

Members also voted to present up to three awards from the association to alumni who perform distinguished service to Gardner-Webb, to the church, or to their community. These will be given at the banquet in addition to the coveted "Alumnus of the Year Award", which is given by the college upon nomination by the board of trustees.

Alumni President John Roberts introduced Dr. J. Roy Robinson, new coordinator of development and external affairs at Gardner-Webb.

Council members' wives or husbands were entertained during their visit to the campus with music by student folksingers, an art exhibit and a talk on admissions by Janet Whisnant of the college staff.

They rejoined the council for a buffet dinner in the faculty dining room as the day's activities concluded.

With The Alumni

'30 The Rev. **Woodrow W. Hill '37** became assistant editor of **The Biblical Recorder** effective Jan. 15. The paper is the journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Hill will serve as a field representative for the paper and will write a weekly column. He has served as pastor of the Thomasville First Baptist Church since 1965.

Joe Walker '38 retired some months ago as an Air Force lieutenant colonel. He has just completed a 14-month swing around New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Samoa, Hawaii, Singapore and Alaska—countries he had missed during his duty years. "There were a few countries I had not seen. I just wouldn't have been satisfied to have missed them," he explained. Walker's now at home at Route 3, Shelby.

'40 **Bill R. Gibbons '47**, and the Gaffney, S. C., Ledger which he edits recently were presented a "Liberty Award" by the Congress of Freedom, Inc. Given for contribution "toward the furtherance of the cause of liberty and freedom" the award cited two editorials in particular which Gibbons had written.

Paul H. Comer '48, pastor of the Alice Avenue Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, for nearly 21 years, resigned in December to become associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Texas City. He will direct a ministry of outreach, training and new member orientation. He currently is a member of the board of trustees of Baylor University and is a member of the Texas Baptist Convention's executive board.

Nyal Z. Williams '49 has been appointed assistant professor of library science at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He earned a Ph. D. degree at the University of North Carolina in 1971. He previously was an assistant music librarian at UNC.

'50 **Ronald H. Holland '50** has been named an insurance consultant by Metropolitan Insurance Co. in Forest City. He and his wife, the former Patricia McCraw, live in the Sandy Mush community.

The Rev. **Harvey W. Rumfelt '50** is the new pastor of Hamilton Baptist Church, moving there from an Asheboro church.

The Rev. **Harold E. Fite '56** of Dallas is serving as interim pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Gaston County. He also serves as a state probation officer.

The Rev. **James F. Parham '53** recently was called by First Baptist Church of Belmont as associate pastor in charge of education. For the past six years, he has been pastor of Cherryfield Baptist Church of Brevard.

Dr. **Paul E. Biles '56** is an associate professor in the graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He previously was director of the Child and Adolescent Unit of Community Mental Health in Columbia, S. C. Dr. and Mrs. Biles, the former Patricia Wellmon of Shelby, have twin daughters.

Billie Gallman Logan (Mrs. William B.) **'57** was named Career Woman of the Year recently by the Myrtle Beach, S. C. Business and Professional Women. She is employed by a real estate and insurance firm and is a Sunday School teacher in Myrtle Beach's First Baptist Church.

The Rev. **Jim W. Harris '58** is minister of Southside Baptist Church in Wadesboro. He assumed duties there in November, coming from Trinity Baptist Church in Bessemer City.

Doris Walters '59 has taught since 1968 in a Baptist girls' school in Kitakyushu, Japan. She was appointed a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966, at which time she was serving as director of religious education at Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington.

Gene R. Swinson '61 has resigned after more than 2½ years as minister of activities at First Baptist Church of Albany, Ga., to accept the pastorate of Southside Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga.

Robert Glasgow '61 is the new pastor of First Baptist Church in Walnut Cove. He attended the University of Tennessee, where he was president of the Baptist Student Union.

'60 The Rev. **Jerry F. Gamble '62**, pastor of Centerview Baptist Church in Kannapolis, recently conducted revival services at East Valdese Baptist Church. He is married and has one daughter and is a former moderator of the Catawba River Baptist Association.

Tom McSwain '63 has been named director of community relations and communications for the Rutherford County Board of Education. He is a former weekly newspaper editor and national news service writer.

Jerry L. Punch '63 is assistant professor of communicative disorders at the University of Mississippi. He recently completed requirements for the Ph. D. in audiology at Northwestern University, and his current position entails teaching and research in the area of speech and hearing disorders.

The Rev. and Mrs. **Jim C. Brackett '63** of Stuart, Va., welcomed a second son, Jamin Lael, on Dec. 11. He is pastor of Stuart Baptist Church. The Stuarts now have four youngsters, all with names chosen for a purpose. Jamin Lael's means "one who worships at the right hand of God."

Antionne Lovelace Wesson '65 and her husband, Dan, announce the adoption of a son, Dan Allen Wesson, Oct. 17, 1971.

Ronda Upton Foster '65 and her husband, James P. Foster, live in Asheboro, where he is an industrial engineer. Ronda taught second grade in the Asheboro schools before beginning a family. Their son, James Alan 'Al' Foster was born Sept. 3 last year.

Milton Clay Warf '66 was ordained to the ministry by Trinity Baptist Church in Reidsville last October and has been serving as associate minister of Temple Baptist Church in Durham. He and his wife, the former **Betty Austin '66**, have a young son.

The Rev. **Jesse M. Head '67** recently became pastor of Starnes Cove Baptist Church in Asheville. He is formerly pastor of Forest Hill Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Ronald W. Dodson '68 is a recent recipient of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Langley Base in Virginia. An intelligence specialist, he was cited for outstanding performance of duty at Da Nang, South Vietnam.

Susanne Huteberson Chambers '68 and her husband, James J. Chambers III, welcomed a daughter, Collin Stuart, last Nov. 27. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Anne Dellinger '68 is a graduate student in music at Appalachian State University. A soprano, she has given many appearances in solo, ensemble and concert throughout North Carolina.

Frankie Hall Jenkins (Mrs. James G.) **'68** teaches business courses at Rutherfordton-Spindale High School in Rutherfordton. She's an Appalachian State University graduate.

Alfred Cornett '68 became assistant manager of Hickey's IGA Foodliner in Spruce Pine last November. He and his wife, the former Sylvia Dale, have two children.

Donna Lynn Hardes Collins '68 and husband David Alan are parents of a new daughter, Heather Leigh, born last Sept. 1. The family lives in Asheville.

Faren Sanders '69 was selected Miss University of Georgia last fall. A junior education major, she said after her selection that she hoped to return to the Cherokee Indian Reservation and "do something for my people."

Eleanor Welton '69 of Volant, Pa., recently returned from a trip to Chad, Africa, where she plans to do mission work under the American Baptist Medical Mission program. She hopes to be ready to depart for Switzerland by January, 1973, where she will study and pass French qualification exams before returning to Chad as a missionary.

'70 **Steve Gregory '71** and **Sandy Johnson '71** were married last May 23 and live in Louisville, Ky. Steve is working on a M. R. E. degree with a major in church-related social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Sandy is teaching at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Day Care Center.

John R. Watson '71 has been commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Navy at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida. He and his wife, the former Miss Neal Ann Webb, live in Pensacola.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we won't let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

R. PATRICK SPANGLER

New Officers

Trustees, Advisors Organize

Gardner-Webb's board of trustees and board of advisors both elected new officers and welcomed new members in December.

R. Patrick Spangler, Shelby businessman, was elected trustee chairman, succeeding Lloyd C. Bost of Shelby. Spangler has served two previous terms as chairman and presently is national chairman of the college's capital gifts campaign.

Stan A. Loveless, general manager of General Fireproofing Co. of Forest City, has been named chairman of the board of advisors.

Serving with Spangler as officers of the board of trustees are Mrs. Rush Stroup of Shelby, vice chairman; Miss Charlene Stamey of Fallston, secretary; A. T. Withrow of Charlotte, treasurer, Paul Bridges of Cliffside, assistant secretary; and C. H. Harrill of Lincolnton, assistant treasurer.

Nine new trustees added to the board were previously elected by the State Baptist Convention of North Carolina. They are J. Wayne Burris of Lincolnton, J. Tolver Davis of Asheville, Fred West of Gastonia, Mrs. L. P. Frans of Hickory, Woodrow W. Jones of Rutherfordton, and Hobart C. Smith, W. A. Wallace, Howard Biggers Jr., and Arthur C. Garrison, all of Charlotte.

Other new officers of the board of advisors are Donald Warren of Spindale, vice chairman, Walter Brown of Gaffney, S. C., secretary; and Charles Alexander of Kings Mountain, assistant secretary.

New members of the board of advisors are Walter Brown and Bill E. Gibbons, both of Gaffney, S. C.; Sam Hargett of Rutherfordton; B. B. Horn of Forest City, W. J. Kiser of High Point, Jack Lutz of Carolcen, Charles F. Mauney of Kings Mountain, Aaron B. Moss of Cherryville, and Harold Causby, Jack Ramsey, J. V. Schweppe, Clyde Stutts and Paris L. Yelton, all of Shelby.

Alumni Can Help In Recruiting

College President E. Eugene Poston says that recruiting qualified students is a "number one" priority for Gardner-Webb this year and next.

Alumni are asked to help in this important phase of the college's life. A healthy enrollment is essential if G-W is to continue its strong and varied academic program.

Dr. Poston pointed out that recruiting efforts must be increased in view of the fact that many high schools will be graduating smaller classes this year than in the past. Competition among colleges for these students will be greater.

Also, since G-W reached four-year status, it will lose some prospects who still seek a junior college.

"We are looking for the student who wants quality education in a Christian environment," Dr. Poston said.

He added that G-W is aware of the difference in educational costs between public colleges and private institutions.

"We want prospects to know, however, that financial aid is available and that we will do our best to help the student who needs it," he added.

Nearly every alumnus can serve as a G-W recruiter. It's a contribution that requires no money, but one which can benefit the college greatly.

Here's how. Contact the high school students you know. Tell them about Gardner-Webb. Send in the "prospect" form below, so that the college can send them literature and information. If possible, invite them and their parents to visit the campus. You can make arrangements through the alumni office.

Your help will be deeply appreciated.

Do you know of some qualified students who might be interested in Gardner-Webb? If so, clip this out and return to the Alumni Office, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. 28017.

Name _____ | Name _____

Address _____ (Street) | Address _____ (Street)

_____ (City, State, Zip Code) | _____ (City, State, Zip Code)

High School _____ | High School _____

Address _____ (City, State) | Address _____ (City, State)

Expected Graduation _____ (Month, Year) | Expected Graduation _____ (Month, Year)

Your Name _____

Address _____ (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Relationship To Gardner-Webb College _____

IN MEMORIAM

John Andral Barry '18 of Fountain Inn, S. C., died Nov. 8, 1971.

Wilmar D. Walker '26 of Plymouth, N. C., died Oct. 26, 1971, after a brief illness.

Bulldogs, George Adams Ranked High

Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs passed the mid-January point of their 1971-72 season with a healthy 13-2 won-lost record.

They had a fourth place national rating in the NAIA, and were rated as the highest scoring basketball team in the NAIA with a per-game average of 107.5 points. Their 22-point victory margin was second in the nation.

Individually, All-American George Adams, the big Kings Mountain senior, had a 31.5 points per game average. He was shooting a fine 66.2 per cent from the floor and 74 per cent from the free throw line. And he was averaging better than 12 rebounds per game.

Adams' scoring was expected to keep him near the top in the NAIA scoring race. He led the NAIA the first week, but slipped to second place in the second week's rankings.

A physical education major, the 6-5, 215-pound Adams picked Gardner-Webb as his college because it was near his home. He says he hasn't regretted his choice.

"I think I've had individual attention here that I might not have received somewhere else," a reporter quoted him. "If I had gone to a larger school I might never have been given a chance."

Adams has begun thinking about pro ball, but isn't letting such thoughts interfere with his goals this year: a high national ranking and a trip to the national finals in Kansas City for the team.

He's leaving contacts with pro agents to his mentor and coach, G-W Athletic Director Eddie Holbrook, who says it'll be handled legally and sensibly.

Meanwhile, Adams is making plans for another kind of contract—he plans to marry his high school sweetheart this spring.

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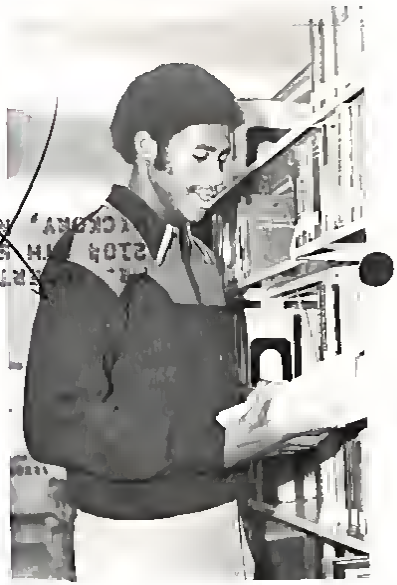

GEORGE ADAMS

New Evening School Offers Variety

Twenty-eight courses are being offered in Gardner-Webb College's new evening school, which began Jan. 6.

They include freshman-to-senior instruction in art, biology, business administration, data processing, education, English, geography, health, history, library science, mathematics, music, political science, psychology, religion, science education, sociology, Spanish, speech and theatre arts.

Classes are being held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

A free course, "Highlights of American History," is being taught by Dr. Arthur Nuhrah for interested high school students and adults. Unstructured and non-credit, it offers a fresh look at some of the important events, issues and personalities of American history.

Two Coliseum Games Coming Up

Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs have two "coliseum" games coming up, both of which may be opportunities for alumni in other parts of the state to see the team play.

On Feb. 18, they'll compete against Guilford College in the Greensboro Coliseum. On Feb. 23, they'll take on Western Carolina University in Charlotte Coliseum. Both games will precede professional games of the Carolina Cougars.

The Bulldogs were to take off for Mexico City Feb. 9 along with a host of Bulldog Club members and other fans, for a tournament at the University of Mexico. They were scheduled to return Feb. 13.